

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 948

By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize James Patrick Denton,
2002 Salutatorian of Evangelical Christian
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, James Patrick Denton is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2002 graduating class at Evangelical Christian School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Denton has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary 4.3 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, due to his outstanding commitment to academic excellence, Mr. Denton has earned numerous honors and awards, including the National Latin Exam Gold Medal, scoring perfect on the test his Junior year, the AP American History Class Award and the Principal's List; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Denton has participated in the Rhodes Honors Math Competition and has been named a National Merit Commended Scholar, a Furman Scholar and an Erskine Fellow; and

WHEREAS, a multi-talented individual, Mr. Denton possesses tremendous musical ability as he plays the saxophone with the high school Marching Band, the Jazz Band and the Pit Orchestra; he has also been a Band Section Leader and has earned All-West Band and All-West Jazz Band Honors; and

WHEREAS, in addition to playing the saxophone, Mr. Denton is proficient with the piano and guitar; he has played in the Ireland International Band Competition and participates in the Chamber Choir as a vocalist and accompanist; and

WHEREAS, highly respected as a leader among his peers; Mr. Denton is active in numerous scholastic organizations, including the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, the Tri M, the National Beta Club, the Knowledge Bowl Team, the Chess Club, the Latin Club and the Student Council; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Denton participates in numerous community service organizations and activities, including the Neighborhood Christian Center Food Kitchen and the Grace Evangelical Church Vacation Bible School; he also serves as a volunteer at Baptist Hospital and as an accompanist to the Riveroaks Children's Choir; and

WHEREAS, an integral part of his church's youth group, James Patrick Denton assists in worship in his role as Youth Group Keyboardist; and

WHEREAS, James Patrick Denton's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Denton's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Denton's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Evangelical Christian School Salutatorian, James Patrick Denton, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.